



Joint Electronic Commerce Program Office Announced



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The Department of Defense today announced the formation of a Joint Electronic Commerce Program Office (JECPO) to implement paperless purchasing throughout the DoD. The office is organized under the Directors of the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) and the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA).

In his Defense Reform Initiative, announced in November 1997, Secretary of Defense William Cohen highlighted DoD's intent to expand the use of electronic catalogs and electronic "shopping malls," thus putting buying options in the hands of customers who actually need the products. The JECPO brings together experts from DoD's business and technology arenas who will make that intent a reality.

Lt. Gen. Henry T. Glisson, DLA Director, and Lt. Gen. David J. Kelley, DISA Director, defined their agencies' roles in the project. DLA will take the lead on business developments. It will coordinate the full business cycle requirements and functional integration; identify best business practices; handle functional industry outreach; and integrate Continuous Acquisition Life Cycle Support into DoD's business processes. DISA will oversee technical developments, providing cross-functional integration, technical architecture, and systems engineering solutions; developing and coordinating standards; setting up enterprise licensing approaches; and testing the infrastructure.

The Joint Electronic Commerce Program Office will be located at the Jefferson Building facility in Tysons Corner, Va.

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